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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Northallerton Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report of the health of the district for the year 1968.

In the field of environmental hygiene, excellent progress has been maintained.

The implementation of Improvement Grants has led to a very worthwhile preservation of houses which would otherwise have had to be replaced. There is now only one area left to be covered under the scheme.

Steady work continues to be done in connection with Food Hygiene Regulations. I must stress that although the Council can insist upon certain standards regarding accommodation and equipment, the general public can make the major effect by refusing to tolerate insanitary methods of food handling.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. DIGGLES,

Medical Officer of Health.



# Section A

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

### (a) General Statistics

Position .. .. .	Latitude 54° 21' N. Longitude 1° 26' W.
Elevation above sea level (Mean) .. ..	125 feet
Rainfall (average) Oakdale Gauge .. ..	26 inches
Area .. .. .	3,653 acres
Population (1931 census) .. ..	4,787
Population (1951) census) .. ..	6,087
Population (1961 census) .. ..	6,720
Registrar General's Estimate of Population 1968 .. .. .	8,130
Number of inhabited houses (1931) .. ..	1,215
Number of inhabited houses (1968) .. ..	2,812
Rateable Value of District (April 1969) .. ..	£351,736
Product of a Penny Rate .. ..	£15,00

### (b) Vital Statistics (as supplied by Registrar General)

	MALES			FEMALES		
	Total	Legit.	Illegit	Total	Legit.	Illegit
Live Births	69	66	3	65	61	4
Still Births	2	2	—	1	1	—
Infant Deaths—						
Under 1 year	3	3	—	1	1	—
Under 4 weeks	2	2	—	—	—	—
Under 1 week	1	1	—	—	—	—

## CLASSIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH

Cause of Death	Males	Females	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	3	1	4
Leukaemia .. .. .	—	1	1
Other Heart Disease .. .. .	4	3	7
Other Circulatory Disease .. .. .	1	1	2
Pneumonia .. .. .	6	4	10
Bronchitis and Emphysema .. .. .	—	1	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach .. .. .	2	—	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc. .. .. .	1	1	2
Other Malignant Neoplasm, etc. .. .. .	2	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast .. .. .	—	1	1
Hypertensive Disease .. .. .	2	1	3
Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions .. .. .	—	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate .. .. .	1	—	1
Congenital Anomalies .. .. .	1	—	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents .. .. .	1	2	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease .. .. .	1	—	1
All Other Accidents .. .. .	1	3	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease .. .. .	14	8	22
Cerebrovascular Disease .. .. .	3	9	12
Other Diseases of Respiratory System .. .. .	—	1	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System .. .. .	—	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc. .. .. .	1	—	1
	44	39	83

## NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

It was not necessary to take action under Section 47 of the above Act which gives the Council power to remove to suitable premises persons who are not able to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, adequate care and attention.



## Section B

### **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA**

The details of the staff are given at the beginning of the report.

#### **Laboratory Facilities**

Laboratory facilities are provided at the Public Health Laboratory, The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

#### **Ambulance Facilities**

The North Riding of Yorkshire County Council supply ambulance services from their station in Brompton Road.

#### **Hospital Facilities**

Local hospital accommodation is provided in the area by the Northallerton Hospital Management Committee of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board.

In addition a considerable number of Northallerton residents are treated in Darlington and Middlesbrough Hospitals.

#### **Nursing in the Homes**

The Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Service is under the general direction of the County Council with the day-to-day administration dealt with by the Area Medical Officer. The staff operating in the Northallerton area comprises two District Nurse/Midwives and one Health Visitor.

#### **Home Help Service**

This is provided by the County Council, the day-to-day administration again being dealt with by the Area Medical Officer.

## Section C

### **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

## Section D

### HOUSING

During the year 121 houses were built by the Council.

## Section E

### MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Details are to be found in the Public Health Inspector's Report.

## Section F

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Infectious Diseases notified	Male	Female	Total
Measles . . . . .	58	57	115
Polmonary Tuberculosis . . . . .	1	2	3
TOTAL . . . . .	59	59	118

**CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1968**

August, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Northallerton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my twenty-third Annual Report on the work carried out during the year 1968. The Report, which is mainly statistical, reveals the various duties covered by Public Health Inspectors. The routine work in the department continues to expand, due entirely to the steady growth of the town and the expansion of housing, business and industry.

Continued progress was made with the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

With regard to all new building work, we have the task of examining all plans to ensure that they comply with the various statutes and the drainage systems comply with the Building Regulations.

There were 6,761 animals presented for slaughter at the public abattoir. As in previous years post-mortem examinations were carried out in every case, thus achieving one hundred per cent meat inspection.

I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for the help and support that I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council, Chief Officials and staff in general.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CORNICK,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

## General Inspection of Premises and Notices Served

The following statistics give information on the number of notices served during the year under the various Acts and the defects or contraventions that were involved.

214 informal notices entailing 416 defects served 1968.

218 notices entailing 419 defects complied 1968.

26 notices entailing 54 defects outstanding at end of 1968.

Housing	Other Nuisances	Food and Drugs	Factories	Offices, Shops and Railway Premises
Notices 114	52	38	2	8
Defects 283	58	57	2	19
<b>Outstanding</b>				
Notices 11	3	8	1	3
Defects 21	4	24	1	4

## Analysis of Inspections, 1968

### Public Health and Housing Acts

#### Under Public Health Act—

Number of houses inspected ..	..	..	..	148
Number of houses re-inspected	..	..	..	188

#### Under Housing Acts—

Number of houses inspected ..	..	..	..	16
Number of houses re-inspected	..	..	..	102

Other Public Health Act Inspections	..	..	..	133
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Complaints .. .. .	..	..	..	148
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Miscellaneous Housing Visits ..	..	..	..	46
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Total ..	781
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**Food and Drugs Act**

Public Slaughterhouse Day Inspections	..	..	..	1,075
Public Slaughterhouse Evening Inspections	..	..	..	57
Food Hygiene Regulation	..	..	..	319
Butchers	..	..	..	20
Market Stalls	..	..	..	103
Fishmongers	..	..	..	5
Ice Cream Premises	..	..	..	16
Ice Cream and other Food Samples	..	..	..	4
Confectioners	..	..	..	20
Grocers	..	..	..	64
Greengrocers	..	..	..	5
Restaurants	..	..	..	48
Bakehouses	..	..	..	21
Fish Shops	..	..	..	19
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	9
Miscellaneous Food Visits	..	..	..	30
Total				<u>1,815</u>

**Sundry Inspections**

Swimming Bath Samples	..	..	..	13
Atmospheric Pollution	..	..	..	18
Water Samples	..	..	..	54
Drainage	..	..	..	330
Knackers Yards	..	..	..	3
Caravan Sites	..	..	..	31
Offices, Shops, General Inspections	..	..	..	18
Offices, Shops, Visits	..	..	..	60
Factories	..	..	..	23
Refuse Disposal	..	..	..	32
Rodent Control	..	..	..	243
Interviews	..	..	..	574
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	164
Total				<u>1,563</u>

Total number of inspections made during the year .. .. 4,159

## HOUSING STATISTICS

## 1. Houses erected during the year

			With Subsidy	Without Subsidy	Total
(a) By Local Authority	..	..	121	—	121
(b) By Private Enterprise	..	..	—	45	45
Total	..				<u>166</u>

## 2. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year

(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	..	..	..	164
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		..	..	454
Total number of houses in district	..	..	..	2,812
Houses demolished	..	..	..	6
Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied				122

## 3. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, and Housing Acts, 1961-64

There were nine applications received for Discretionary Grants and five applications for Standard Grants during 1968. Six applications were from owner/occupiers and eight applications for tenanted property.

Towards the end of the year progress was still being made with No. 3 Improvement Grant area. The following table indicates total expenditure incurred for the nine applications for Discretionary Grants.

Total Expenditure	Repairs	Grant applied for	Grant allowed
£5,481 13s. 2d.	£649 16s. 8d.	£2,268 0s. 0d.	£2,240 0s. 0d.



# FACTORIES ACT, 1961

## PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health inspectors).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by local Authorities .. .. .	2	Nil	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Section 7 applies	64	23	5	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	18	10	Nil	Nil
Total ..	84	33	5	Nil

## 2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found					Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		By H.M. Inspector (5)	
			T.H.M. Inspector (4)			
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Overcrowding (S. 2) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S. 6) ..	"	"	"	"	"	
Sanitary Conveniences (S. 7) ..	1	1	"	1	"	
(a) Insufficient ..	4	4	"	"	"	
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil	Nil	"	Nil	"	
(c) Not separate for sexes	2	2	"	"	"	
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work) ..	7	7	0	1	0	
Total ..	7	7	0	1	0	

OUTWORK

Sections 133 and 134

Nature of work (1)		No. of out- workers in August list required by Sec. 133(1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing apparel	Making, etc ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Cleansing and Washing ..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total ..		Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

### **WATER SUPPLY, 1968**

1. The Northallerton and Dales Water Board supply water in bulk to the Northallerton Urban District Council and provide a wholesome supply of chlorinated and filtered water.

I am indebted to the Engineer and Manager of the Northallerton and the Dales Water Board for the following information :—

The quality of the water has been satisfactory during the year.

The daily average consumption of water is 407,000 gallons.

2. During the year 54 samples of treated water were taken by the Health Department and submitted for bacteriological examination, only five samples were unsatisfactory.
3. The water that is delivered into supply has no plumbo-solvent action.
4. There were only five instances of bacteriological contamination and the dosage of chlorine was increased.
5. There are 2,812 dwellinghouses and 8,130 people are supplied with water from the Public water mains. All the dwellinghouses in the District are connected to the Public water mains.

### **Public Swimming Baths**

The War Memorial Swimming Baths were officially opened by Lady Masham on the 3rd June, 1961. The Pool is a reinforced concrete structure with tile finish. The size is 75 feet x 30 feet wide. 3 feet deep at the shallow end, falling to 8 feet 6 inches at the deep end.

The accommodation in the changing rooms include 10 changing cubicles each for men and women, with additional changing accommodation for use of parties.

The heating of the Bath water is carried out electrically through an electrically heated boiler located in the plant room. Also included in the plant room are the rapid filters, chlorination plant and aeration equipment through which the Bath water passes once every four hours and is then discharged through the shallow end of the Bath, as warmed, purified and treated water.

During the year 13 samples of Bath water were taken for bacteriological examination, these all proved satisfactory.



## SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

The sewerage works have sedimentation tanks, filters and humas tanks. The sewerage from Northallerton is adequately treated and the works are producing a satisfactory effluent.

The public sewers were extended or improved during the year to serve the following area, Springwell Lane and a new surface water sewer was laid in Yafforth Road.

Difficulty is being experienced with the sludge drying and in particular sludge disposal, as farmers will not now take this for agricultural purposes. The Local Authority have instructed consulting engineers to report on this problem.

## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A weekly collection of domestic refuse was maintained during the year and the work is still increasing due to the expansion of the town. Every two weeks refuse is collected from the outlying area of Bullamoor and Hailstone Moor.

The clay quarry into which refuse has been tipped over the last twenty years has now been filled and partially covered and levelled with soil.

The adjoining fields which are approximately 6 feet below the surrounding ground are now being used for refuse disposal. The top soil has been removed and the refuse is being disposed of under more supervision and better conditions than applied previously.

The total annual cost for the collection and disposal of refuse for 1968 was £8,562.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The table below indicates the different types of food premises within the Urban District.

Type of Premises				Number
Grocers and General Dealers	..	..	..	16
Bakehouses	..	..	..	5
Market (open)	..	..	..	1
Fruiterers	..	..	..	3
Wet Fishshops	..	..	..	2
Catering Establishments	..	..	..	10
Canteen	..	..	..	7
Confectioners	..	..	..	15
Licensed Premises	..	..	..	17

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, are as follows :—

For the manufacture of potted, pressed, pickled or preserved foods—

Butchers	..	..	..	10
Ice Cream Manufacturers			..	2
Ice Cream Retailers	..		..	28
Fish Friers	..	..	..	5

319 visits were made to premises where food is prepared or sold.

All food premises in the town have been inspected since the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, came into force. The occupiers of these premises have received pamphlets and detailed information regarding the requirements of the regulations. Advice is given to the occupiers on food hygiene in the light of circumstances as is found at the time of inspection.

The method of disposal of condemned carcase meat and associated offals is by the removal of the same from the Public Slaughterhouse, after adequate staining with green dye, by a firm who render the materials into fertilisers.

All other condemned foods are disposed of by burying on the refuse tip.

### **Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959**

There are two manufacturers of ice cream and 28 retailers in the area who are registered with the Local Authority.

The firms carry out the requirements of the regulations and endeavour to produce ice cream hygienically as the samples which have been taken over the last few years indicate.

### **Bacteriological Sampling**

During the year 4 samples of the undermentioned food were taken and submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory and were reported upon as satisfactory.

Sample		No. Taken
Ice Cream	.. ..	4

### **Inspection of Meat and Other Foods**

The Local Authority own the Public Slaughterhouse and undertake the duty of slaughtering and have a staff of one slaughtermen and two apprentices for this work. They dispose of all offal except red offal.

There were 6,761 animals slaughtered during the year.



The charges made by the Council which have been approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, are as follows :—

Cattle	..	..	..	27/6
Sheep	..	..	..	6/-
Calves	..	..	..	6/-
Pigs up to 120 lb.	..	..	..	9/-
120 lb. to 200 lb.	..	..	..	12/6
Over 200 lb.	..	..	..	17/-
Sows and boars 120 lb. to 300 lb.				25/-
Over 300 lb.	..	..	..	30/-

50 per cent. increase for Sunday, and Bank Holiday slaughtering.

### Lairage

The tolls in the above table include the use of lairs for a period not exceeding 24 hours. For period exceeding 24 hours the following additional tolls are charged for every night.

Cattle, etc.	..	4/- per night.
Sheep	..	6d. per night.
Pigs ..	..	2/- per night.
		5/- per night exceeding 48 hours.

### Slaughterhouse Act, 1958

This act came into operation on the 1st August, 1958, and provided for the making of regulations to secure hygienic construction, lay-out and equipment for slaughterhouses.

The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1958, came into operation on the 1st January, 1959, with the exception of Parts II and III of the Hygiene Regulations, these parts came into operation on the 1st January, 1961.

In accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Act each Local Authority were required to review and after consultation with such organisations as appear to the authority to represent the interest concerned, to report to the Minister on the following :—

- (a) the existing and probable future requirements of their district for slaughterhouse facilities having regard to the needs both of persons requiring the use of such facilities and of other persons ; and
- (b) the slaughterhouse facilities which are, or are likely to become, available to meet those requirements.

This report was prepared and considered by the Local Authority and later submitted to the Regional Controller, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The Local Authority recommended that the 1st January, 1961, should be the day appointed by the Minister for the construction regulations to apply to the Public Slaughterhouse. This date was confirmed by the Ministry.

To meet the full requirements of the above regulations the Council authorised making alterations to the existing Public Slaughterhouse and the building of complete new lairage.

This work commenced in August, 1959, and was completed during 1960.

### **The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963**

During 1963 the above Regulations were received and replaced the Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924, they came into operation on the 1st October, 1963. The introduction of these Regulations provide the means to give to the Government's longstanding intention to ensure that all home-killed meat is inspected before it leaves the Slaughterhouse. The main provisions are :—

- (a) Meat at slaughterhouses must be inspected.
- (b) Meat must not be removed from the slaughterhouse until it has been inspected.
- (c) Meat inspected and passed as fit for human consumption must be marked.
- (d) Local Authorities may charge for the inspection.
- (e) The minimum period of notice of slaughter is extended from three hours to 24 hours.

It may be of interest to note that all carcasses and parts of carcasses passed fit for human consumption must remain in the slaughterhouse until they have been marked by stamp by your Public Health Inspectors. No specific form of mark is prescribed but it is suggested that this should give the name of the Local Authorities and a code letter to identify the Officer. The size of the stamp should not exceed  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. This method of marking the carcass has proved quite successful since introduction, but again makes more demand on the time of your inspectors.

The Regulations permit Local Authorities to make charges for inspection of animals at rates not exceeding :—

2/6d. per bovine animal.

9d. per calf or pig.

6d. per sheep, lamb or goat.

The Council decided that from the 1st January, 1966, a charge for meat inspection should be made in accordance with the Regulations.

### Details of Whole Carcases Condemned or Destroyed

Carcase and Organs of :—		Tons	Cwts.	Sts.	Lbs.
1 Pig	Acute Nepritis and Emaciation ..		2	1	2
1 Pig	Pericarditis and Pyrexia ..			5	10
1 Pig	Septicaemia .. ..		1	1	4
1 Pig	Septicaemia .. ..		1	0	2
1 Pig	Septicaemia .. ..			7	6
1 Pig	Pneumonia and Emaciation ..			5	9
1 Pig	Pyaemia .. ..		2	4	0
1 Pig	Toxaemia .. ..		1	2	10
1 Pig	Septicaemia .. ..			6	6
1 Pig	Pyaemia .. ..		1	1	4
1 Pig	Septicaemia .. ..			7	0
1 Cow	General Oedema .. ..		4	0	2
1 Pig	Extensive Bruising .. ..			4	4
1 Pig	Septicaemia .. ..			5	10
<hr/> 14			<hr/> 18	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 13

### Summary of Carcases and Offals Condemned

14 Carcases and organs
6 Bovine heads and tongues
28 Pig heads and tongues
1 Sheep head and tongue
53 Bovine lungs
15 Sheep lungs
60 Pig lungs
8 Bovine hearts
22 Pig hearts
152 Bovine livers
159 Sheep livers
40 Pig livers
16 Pig plucks
7 Sheep plucks
4 Bovine kidneys
4 Bovine intestines
24 Pig intestines
3 Bovine portions of fore or hindquarters
7 Sheep portions of fore or hindquarters
14 Pig portions of fore or hindquarters

	Tons	Cwts.	Sts.	lbs.
Total weight ..	2	18	4	9

### Emergency Slaughter

During the year 52 animals were admitted to the Slaughterhouse as casualties for emergency slaughter.



CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED, 1968

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Dressed carcasses received .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number killed (if known) .. ..	1,242	1	5	4,171	1,342	0
Number inspected .. ..	1,242	1	5	4,171	1,342	0
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned .. ..	0	1	0	0	13	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned	198	0	1	188	164	
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis .. ..	15.95	100.00	20.00	4.50	12.22	0
Tuberculosis only Whole carcass condemned .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	40	0
Percentage of the number inspected infected with tuberculosis .. ..	0	0	0	0	2.98	0
Cysticercosis carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned .. ..	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Summary of Other Food Condemned

The undermentioned food submitted for examination was found to be unfit for human consumption and following surrender of same was destroyed.

18 tins meat (109 lbs. 13 ozs.)	1 bottle coffee
9 tins fruit	3 packets oatmeal
28 tins vegetables	123 tins tomatoes
11 tins milk puddings	103 packets various frozen foods
1 tin cream	191 table jellies
7 tins fish	15 lb. mushrooms
3 tins milk	2 carcasses and organs sheep (95 lbs)
4 jars preserves	117 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb. bacon.

### Clean Air Act, 1965

There are only a few factory chimneys within the Urban district and consequently the amount of air pollution from industry is very small. Observations are made of the above chimneys from time to time and representations have been made to the management concerned when excessive smoke emissions have been noted.

Four further notifications of new boiler installations and chimneys to serve them were received during the year. In each case these were approved after being checked for adequacy of chimney height, in accordance with the appropriate memorandum.

### Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

Only one licence to use land as a site for caravans have been issued by the Local Authority. This is for the caravan site at the rear of Standard House, High Street, the site accommodates 11 caravans.

The Council have attached conditions to the site licence similar to those of the Model Standards.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The work of rodent control is carried out by a part-time operator and all repression work is done by methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. The work is divided into three main categories :—

- (1) Sewer Maintenance Treatment.
- (2) Business Premises.
- (3) Dwelling Houses—complaints from occupiers.

## Sewer Maintenance

Two treatments were carried out during the year and the results obtained indicate that there was only a small infestation of rats in the sewers.

## Business Premises

The Local Authority gives a free service to occupiers of all business premises for the eradication of rats and mice.

## Dwelling Houses

The Council continued to give a free service to occupiers of private dwelling houses for the eradication of rats and mice.

The following table indicates the rodent control work carried out during the year :—

For the 12 months commencing 1st January, 1968, and ending 31st December, 1968, the following infestations have been dealt with :—

Properties other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district ..	3,234	32
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification .. .. .	94	—
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ..	69	—
(ii) Mice ..	14	—
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification .. .. .	64	2
(b) Number infested by (i) Rats ..	11	—
(ii) Mice ..	2	—



## Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

This Act came into operation in 1963 and makes provision for the health, safety and welfare of persons working in Offices, Shops and certain Railway premises.

Section 60 of the above Act required every Local Authority to produce an Annual Report and to keep a copy of the Report at their Office. I have prepared this Report from the information supplied by the occupiers of the premises concerned on the Forms O.S.R. 1. From this information the following extracts were prepared.

Work during the year consisted mainly of the enforcement of outstanding notices and dealing with premises within the scope of the Act.

The following tables explain the scope of the Act on the registration of premises, inspections made, analysis of persons employed, list of contraventions and accidents reported.

TABLE A. REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises (1)	No. of premises regd. during the year (2)	Total No. of regd. premises at end of year (3)	No. of regd. premises receiving a general insp. during year (4)
Offices	3	53	9
Retail Shops	—	83	7
Wholesale shops, ware- houses	1	6	1
Catering establishments open to the public— Canteens	1	8	1
Fuel Storage depots	—	—	—
TOTALS	5	150	18

TABLE B. NUMBER OF VISITS TO ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO  
REGISTERED PREMISES—

TABLE C. ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED  
PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	292
Retail Shops	443
Wholesale depts., warehouses	34
Catering Estab. open to the public	72
Canteens	1
Fuel Storage depots	—
TOTAL	842
Total males	326
Total Females	516

## (B) ANALYSIS OF CONTRAVENTIONS

Section	Number of Contraventions found	Section	Number of Contraventions found
4	Cleanliness	13	Sitting facilities
5	Overcrowding	14	Seats (Sedentry Workers)
6	Temperature	15	Eating facilities
7	Ventilation	16	Floors, passage and stairs
8	Lighting	17	Fencing exposed parts of machinery
9	Sanitary Conveniences	18	Protection of young persons working at dangerous machinery
10	Washing facilities	19	Training of young persons working at dangerous machinery
11	Supply of drinking water	23	Prohibition of heavy work
12	Clothing accommodation	24	First Aid
			General provisions
			TOTAL
			8
			19

# REPORTED ACCIDENTS

Workplace	Number Reported		Total No. investigated	Action Recommended			
	Fatal	Non-fatal		Prosecution	Formal warning	Informal advice	No action
Offices .. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Retail shops .. ..	—	2	2	—	—	1	1
Wholesale shops, warehouses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Catering establishments open to public, canteens ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Fuel storage depots ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	—	2	2	—	—	1	1

ANALYSIS OF REPORTED ACCIDENTS

		Offices	Retail shops	Wholesale warehouses	Catering establishments open to public, canteens	Fuel storage depots
Machinery	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Transport	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Falls of persons	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Stepping on or striking against object or person	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Handling goods	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Struck by falling object	.. ..	—	1	—	—	—
Fires and explosions	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Electricity	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—
Use of hand tools	.. ..	—	1	—	—	—
Not otherwise specified	.. ..	—	—	—	—	—







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